

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

Market-Dominant Price Change

Docket No. R2020-1

CHAIRMAN'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 1

(Issued October 10, 2019)

To clarify the basis of information provided by the Postal Service in its Market Dominant Price Change, filed October 9, 2019,¹ the Postal Service is requested to provide written responses to the following questions. Answers should be provided to the individual questions as soon as they are developed, but no later than October 15, 2019.

The Postal Service explains that because it expects to complete the transfer of Inbound Letter Post E-format items to the competitive product list on July 1, 2020, it “adjusted its First-Class Mail price cap calculations to apply the prices to only six months of [Inbound Letter Post] E-format volume data.” Notice at 9 n.15.

1. The Commission's regulations for calculating percentage change in rates for market dominant products are found in 39 C.F.R. part 3010. Please identify the regulations on which the Postal Service based the adjustment it applies to Inbound Letter Post E-format mailpieces.
2. Please provide all examples of similar adjustments in past market dominant price adjustment dockets.

¹ United States Postal Service Notice of Market-Dominant Price Change, October 9, 2019 (Notice).

3. In Docket No. CP2015-155, the Postal Service proposed a range of prices for Inbound Letter Post small packets and bulky letters.² Please discuss how the range of prices proposed in that docket compares to the terminal dues approved at the Third Extraordinary Universal Postal Union (UPU) Congress in September 2019. Specifically, please compare the undifferentiated per kilogram terminal dues rates and the thresholds below which they apply to E format items from groups I-IV countries.
4. If any of the terminal dues approved at the Third Extraordinary UPU Congress fall outside the proposed price range in Docket No. CP2019-155, please confirm that the Postal Service will file these prices and supporting financial workpapers with the Commission to show consistency with 39 U.S.C. § 3633(a), in accordance with 39 C.F.R. part 3015.
5. Please confirm that, to date, the Postal Service has not met all of the conditions for the transfer of Inbound Letter Post small packets and bulky *letters* (*i.e.*, E-format mailpieces) from the market dominant to competitive product lists.

By the Chairman.

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² Docket No. CP2019-155, Notice of the United States Postal Service of Rates Not of General Applicability for Inbound E-Format Letter Post, and Application for Non-Public Treatment, May 20, 2019, at 1.